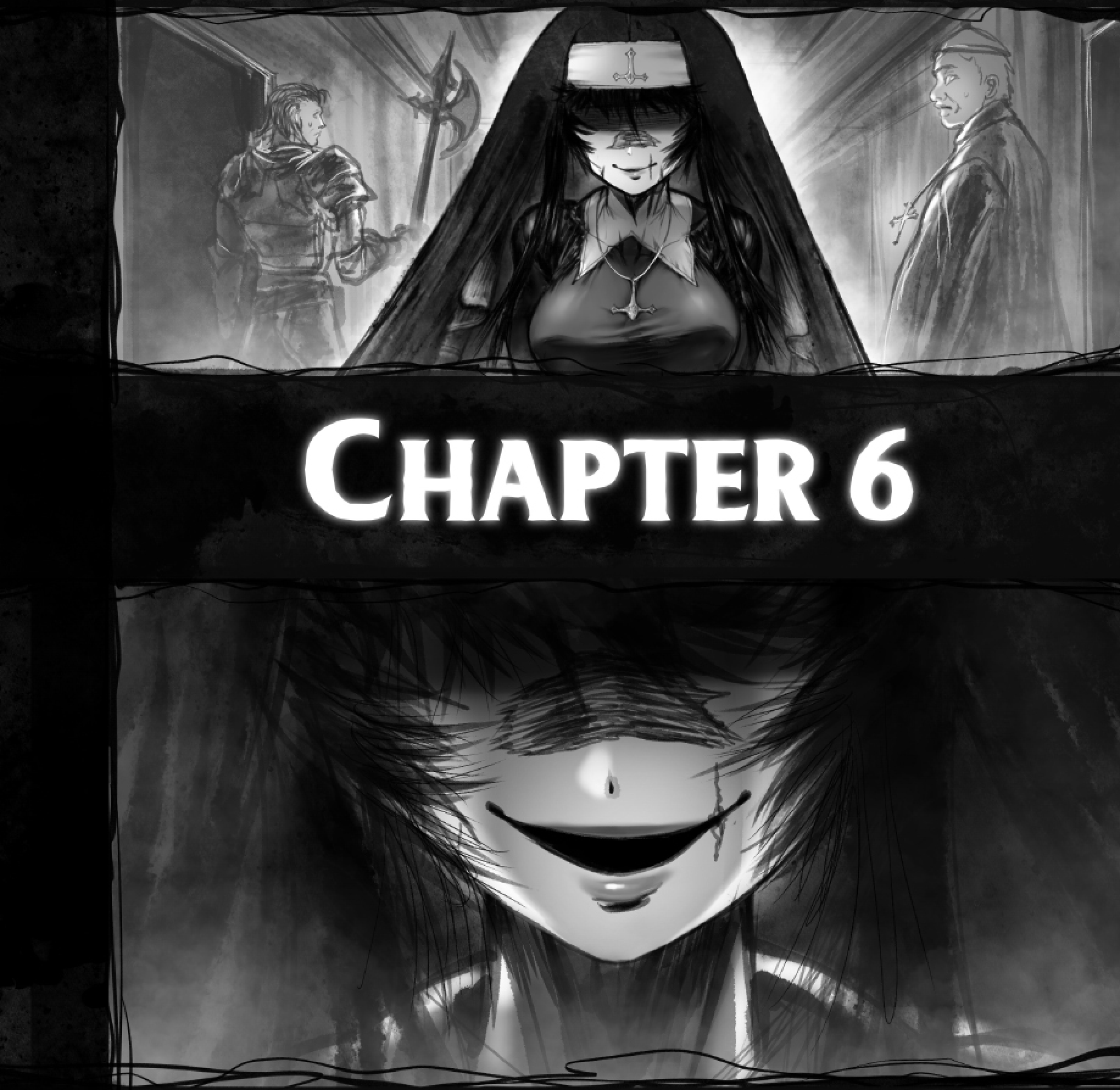
OVER 30 YEARS AGO

Ramia-Yana



Chapter 6

~Invasion~ Unpredictable

I believe it is time to conclude this war and destroy Terapho for good.

Now that we have precisely located the enemy's headquarters ...

We'll be fighting on two fronts.

But it is a place deep into the dark lands, most of our troops would be struggling to get there... What are you proposing?

With the recent defeat of one of their generals and Terapho getting wounded by Gertrude, they're taking us more seriously. It is the ideal opportunity to bait most of their forces and fight them on our lands where your soldiers will have the advantage.

Farumas King
Clovis Gylbart

...A small group will sneak into the enemy's castle and take down the Demon Lord Terapho who should be recovering, as well as his 3 remaining generals who will be staying there to protect him.

Without any leaders left, the rest will inevitably fall apart. Demons are too prideful, they are only able to stay in packs with a powerful enough "alpha" to follow.

Demon King Extermination Squad

Demon King + 3 Generals

Alliance Army

Demon Army

While our armies will be facing each other...

THIS "DEMON KING EXTERMINATION SQUAD" SHALL BE OBVIOUSLY LED BY THE HERO GERTRUDE.

THEN THE LAST AND LEAST, ME.

AS WELL AS OUR SECOND STRONGEST FIGHTER, THE REPRESENTATIVE OF VELALYA'S ELVES, MISS ARITIMIS.

RATHER THAN DISAGREEING ...

BOTH SIDES WILL HAVE VITAL GOALS. YOU'LL NEED TO USE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE THE GROUND AND AVOID JUST FIGHTING THE DEMONS IN CLOSE COMBAT, OR IT WILL BE A MASSACRE.

ARE THERE ANY DISAGREEMENTS ABOUT THIS PLAN?

RIGHT...
ONE MORE MEMBER CERTAINLY COULD BE A GOOD IDEA, BUT DO YOU HAVE SOMEONE GOOD ENOUGH FOR SUCH A DANGEROUS MISSION? WE DON'T WANT A DEADWEIGHT EITHER.

I WOULD PROPOSE TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FORCES WITH ONE MEMBER FROM OUR CHURCH.

THAT WON'T BE NECESSARY.

HM?

...
"SHE" IS?

BESIDES, SHE IS PART OF THE CHURCH, SO THERE IS NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT.

I ACTUALLY ALREADY CONTACTED THE PERSON WHO WILL BE OUR 4TH MEMBER.

OH! THERE SHE IS.

HEYYYY GERTRUU-UDEEE!!

HELLO THERE, BOYS AND GIRLS!

SHORT ...

LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE BEEN DOING WELL, GERTRUDE! GOOD WORK~

HER NAME IS RAMIA, I CAN PERSONALLY CONFIRM THAT SHE'S HIGHLY SKILLED.

...

BUT THOSE CLOTHES...ISN'T SHE JUST A REGULAR NUN?
THEY AREN'T EVEN SUPPOSED TO BE FIGHTERS...

IS SHE THAT MUCH OF A GOOF, OR...?

...THE ANGLE OF HER SYMBOL ISN'T RIGHT... EVEN THE SHAPE, THAT'S THE FIRST TIME I'M SEEING THAT.

I WAS PLANNING TO SEND ONE OF OUR HIGHEST RANKED PRIESTS! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO THAT IS!

...IS...IS THIS A JOKE?!

DON'T WORRY, YOU'LL GET THE GLORY IF THAT'S THE ISSUE!

AHAH, NEITHER DO I, ACTUALLY, NICE TO MEET YOU!

Meanwhile, who do we have here? Some bottom ranked nun who is so out of touch that she hasn't even heard of me? Know your place!

...I am no other than the Archbishop Abbygrail, the one tasked by the pope himself to handle everything about the alliance with the Farumas Kingdom, against the immense threat that is the Demon Lord Terapho.

Oh, wait!

Abbygrail...?

C'mon, you haven't forgotten me, haven't you?

...W-what...?

My bad, I remember now! You're the little William!

Aaaa....

I-I-IT'S A PLEASURE TO M-MEET YOU AGAIN, MADAM RAMIA...

I HAVE NOTHING ELSE TO ADD, WE SHALL DO AS HERO GERTRUDE WISHES...

...WHAT THE HELL?

I AGREE. WHILE I NORMALLY WOULDN'T RELY ON COMPLETE STRANGERS, I KNOW GERTRUDE WELL ENOUGH TO NOT BE WORRIED.

SINCE GERTRUDE HERSELF PROPOSED IT, I HAVE NO REASON TO DOUBT IT.

I COULDN'T FIGURE "HER" OUT AT ALL.

BUT...
I CAN SAY WITHOUT DOUBT
ONE THING ABOUT RAMIA.

IF GERTRUDE IS LIKE A SHINING ANGEL

RAMIA REMINDS ME MORE OF THE ABYSS ITSELF.

I DON'T THINK CRUSHING A DEMON WITH HER BARE HANDS IS ANY MORE FITTING...

AWW, BUT CURRENTLY I'M A NUN, PULLING A BLADE WOULDN'T BE FITTING, DON'T YOU THINK?!

ARE YOU SURE YOU WON'T NEED A SWORD?

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Dog Nigga

The Inter-Kingdom Mercenary Guild

Headquarters of the Matheinar branch

SO...

TO WHAT DO WE OWE THE HONOR OF YOUR VISIT?

...

RANCEN
1ST CLASS MERCENARY
DEMONS KILLCOUNT:
5 LOW CLASS

CORNELIA
1ST CLASS MERCENARY
DEMONS KILLCOUNT:
5 LOW CLASS

COLE
1ST CLASS MERCENARY
DEMONS KILLCOUNT:
4 LOW CLASS

GIMLET
2ND CLASS
MERCENARY

WELL WELL WELL, HIC... IF IT ISN'T THE GREAT CAPTAIN ELDAR? ...OR WAS IT ALDER...

CAPTAIN OF THE ROYAL EAGLE KNIGHTS, ADLER.

...GIMLET? YOU'VE DRUNK WAY TOO MUCH AGAIN, HAVEN'T YOU...

AHAH...OR IS SHE YOUR GIRLFRIEND? HIC!

IF SHE ISN'T, I'M TOTALLY AVAILABLE!

UH... IF I WERE YOU, I WOULDN'T ...

HEHE... JUST A LIL' BIT... WHAT'CHA DOING HERE? HIC!

WOW! AND WHO IS THIS CUTE LADY? A NEWBIE?

SLAP

AH.

YOU STINK.

She joined recently and because of the expedition, there wasn't much time to present her.

Whoops. Sorry for not mentioning it beforehand.

Also, She's really shy, so be careful.

ahah

You're cruel, Captain... you know I'm not at ease in places like this, yet you forced me to come with you...

Her name is Sharmeela. She is currently the strongest knight besides me among my troops.

That's some crazy physical strenght!

For real? She sent him flying with a slap?!

For such a cute little lady she's quite fearsome!

So she's the candidate to be the next hero that Master Eldarius mentionned...

And one of the candidates who will attempt the holy trial!

WELL THEN, ON TO BUSINESS! I WAS TASKED TO PICK 4 PEOPLE, AND I'VE ALREADY CONFIRMED THREE OF THEM.

GEEZ... STRENGTH WISE, SHE MIGHT BE ABLE TO GIVE MASTER MARCIA A RUN FOR HER MONEY...

TO BE THE FINAL CANDIDATE FOR THE HOLY TRIAL.

AND I WOULD LIKE YOU

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...?!

-AH!

DEMONS KILLCOUNT:
19 LOW CLASS
2 MIDDLE CLASS

HEH.
ENOUGH WITH THE JOKES, O GREAT CAPTAIN ADLER.

SURELY, YOU HAVE PEOPLE AROUND MORE TRUSTFUL THAN A GRUMPY MERCENARY WHO DOESN'T WORK FOR YOUR KINGDOM ANYMORE.

THE DEMON HUNTER KEHAR
TOP-CLASS MERCENARY

I THINK YOU MERCENARIES DO FINE WORK AND THIS CAPITAL HAS ASSEMBLED A GOOD NUMBER OF VERY COMPETENT WARRIORS. I WILL BE COUNTING ON YOU LOT TO AID AGAINST MANDRAGLORIA'S DEMON ARMY.

YEAH, PUTTING IT THAT WAY, DEFINITELY.

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I WOULD OBVIOUSLY NEVER ALLOW A SELF CENTERED MERCENARY TO GET CLOSE TO THE HOLY SWORD.

STILL.

YOU LOT ARE TOO INDIVIDUALISTIC TO RECEIVE IT. WE WOULDN'T WANT THE CHOSEN "HERO" TO BETRAY US AND KEEP THE SWORD FOR HIMSELF.

IT IS A PRICELESS WEAPON THAT BELONGS TO THE MATHEINAR KINGDOM.

DO YOU SERIOUSLY BELIEVE A BLOODTHIRSTY GUY LIKE ME, WHO GOT SO OBSESSED WITH REVENGE THAT HE ABANDONED THE KINGDOM JUST TO BE ABLE TO KILL MORE DEMONS, IS WORTHY OF ATTEMPTING THE HOLY TRIAL?

...SO DESPITE BEING FULLY AWARE OF THAT, WHY ARE YOU ASKING ME?

I MIGHT HAVE THE REPUTATION OF STRONGEST MERCENARY OF THE CAPITAL, AND WAS PREVIOUSLY A CAPTAIN OF THE KINGDOM FOR YEARS... BUT AT THE END OF THE DAY, I'M STILL CURRENTLY JUST A MERCENARY.

YEAH. I STILL HAVE FULL CONFIDENCE IN YOU AS MY OLD FRIEND.

YET YOU'RE STILL JUST THE SAME OLD SOFTIE, ADLER.

HEH. LOOK AT YOU, 6 YEARS LATER AND ALREADY THE HIGHEST RANKED ROYAL KNIGHT OF THE KINGDOM.

I FRANKLY DON'T BELIEVE FOR A SECOND THAT I WILL BE CHOSEN, BUT I'M CURIOUS TO SEE FIRSTHAND WHO WILL BE THE GREAT NEW HERO WHO WILL SLAY A DEMON LORD.

...SIGH. ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT, I'M IN.

A GOOD CHOICE!

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT? YOU LOOK PALE.

OH, PRIME MINISTER.

I-I'VE JUST HEARD THE NEWS.

MY KING...

PRIME MINISTER OF THE MATHEINAR KINGDOM
WELLINGTON

SO THE WORST CASE SCENARIO HAS HAPPENED? TO THINK ANOTHER LORD WOULD APPEAR AGAIN ALREADY...

WORST CASE SCENARIO, YOU SAY?

IT WENT EXACTLY AS PLANNED.

ALL THE OPPOSITE.

?!

OHOH!
AS USUAL, YOUR NAIVETY AND MEAN LOOKS REALLY DON'T FIT TOGETHER.

...I BEG YOUR PARDON?

Over 2 months ago, I told Eldarius that the holy sword trembled. He theorized that it reacted to a Demon Lord.

Do you remember?

Why, of course I remember... But what about it?

This quickly led to him proposing to send our best troops as an exploration unit, to a region where he believed there were chances for one to be.

It's simple.

I lied about the sword reacting.

Hmph, it goes way back. 30 years earlier, I decided to not use our holy sword for the war against the Demon Lord Terapho.

W- what?! But why?!

After all, who else can stop a demon lord if they appear?

This weapon is far more than a way to defeat a demon lord: It is a great political tool that allows a kingdom to greatly gain in reputation simply from owning it.

But now, I am getting old, and I have no intention for my ambitions to just end in peace.

Our kingdom kept growing greatly those past 30 years, and we now have multiple solid allies.

Now... Despite what I said, using the holy sword does have its purpose outside of defeating a lord.

My name will forever be remembered as the legendary king who crushed a demon lord!

AS LONG AS THE FUTURE HERO IS FULLY FAITHFUL TO ME, OUR HOLY SWORD SHALL BE RETURNED AT THE END OF THE WAR!

BESIDES THAT, THE FARUMAS KINGDOM STUPIDLY LOST THEIR HOLY SWORD 30 YEARS AGO, BUT I'M NOT SO NAIVE.

THIS WILL BE A WIN-WIN SCENARIO FOR BOTH ME AND THE KINGDOM.

I DISCUSSED IT WITH ELDARIUS A FEW YEARS AGO.

BUT WHY WERE YOU SO SURE THAT WE WOULD FIND A DEMON LORD?

YOU'RE AS SCARY AS ALWAYS, MY KING.

HE THEORIZED THAT EVEN 30 YEARS AGO, THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN ALREADY AT LEAST ONE OTHER ACTIVE DEMON LORD, OR A SOON TO BE. AND IT LOOKS LIKE HE WAS CORRECT.

BASED ON HIS ASSESSMENTS, WE STILL HAVE LITTLE INFORMATION ABOUT ALL THAT IS HAPPENING IN THE MASSIVE DARK LANDS.

THIS ALSO IMPLIES THIS DEMON LORD MANDRAGLORIA HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR YEARS, IF NOT DECADES.

THE FACT WE NEVER HEARD OF HER IMPLIES SHE MIGHT NOT BE PLANNING TO ATTACK US HUMANS, SHE UNDERESTIMATES US.

WHICH MEANS WE HAVE THE ADVANTAGE! WE'LL CRUSH HER AND HER FORCES BEFORE THEY CAN EXPECT IT!

IT IS TIME FOR US TO PROVE THAT WE'RE SUPERIOR AND CONQUER THE DARK LANDS!

THOSE BARBARIOUS DEMONS HAVE BEEN AROUND FOR FAR TOO LONG!

...

I'VE NEVER HEARD ABOUT HOLY SWORDS "REACTING" BEFORE... DID HE LIE ABOUT IT? BUT ULTIMATELY, IT'S TRUE THAT WE ENDED UP FINDING OUT THE EXISTENCE OF A DEMON LORD.

...BACK THEN, KING CROMWELL DIDN'T SEEM VERY HONEST.

AND I HAVE ENOUGH EXPERIENCE WITH DEMONS FROM THE PREVIOUS WAR TO NOT TAKE THE RISK OF LETTING THEM GROW FURTHER.

WHICH MEANS...

RIGHT. MIGHT AS WELL LESSEN ANY RISKS.

YOU SUSPECTED A SITUATION LIKE THAT WOULD HAPPEN.

OH! SO THAT'S WHY YOU STARTED FURTHER STRENGHTENING THE CITY'S BARRIER 2 MONTHS AGO?

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It would be BIG trouble for the kingdom if you got assassinated by a demon, no?

One like me, for example?

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YOU WERE A DEMON ALL ALONG?!

BLACK SCLERA?!

WHAT THE HELL IS THE MEANING OF THIS, OTHO?!

OTHO, YOU...

...

So you're the one who drank some of "that" potion eh? You little shit.

Stop fooling around.

Recently, I finished an experimental potion that gives you demon-like eyes. It's still purely aesthetic, just an in-progress attempt to pass off as a demon.

Excuse me?

Aww! You're way too perceptive! I wanted to see your surprised face!

Not many people know about it, including a few guards of the tower. Earlier I noticed some of it was missing, guess I found my culprit.

To be honest...

Ahah, if anything, that's why...

You've always been like that since you were a brat, someday this bad habit of fooling around is gonna bite you in the ass. Good thing I'm indulgent!

Pft, what kind of demon would only have black sclera? I'm no amateur.

TWIST

I ALWAYS CONSIDERED YOU A BIT LIKE A PARENTAL

FROM HERE!

YOU

BASTARD

WOAH WOAH WOAH... I WAS TOLD THERE IS A PRETTY STRONG HALF ELF GUARDING THE CITY FROM THIS TOWER.

BUT YOU'RE MUCH BETTER THAN I EXPECTED!

I'M GONNA ENJOY THIS.

AND YOU'RE QUITE THE HANDSOME ONE, TOO!

I'M NHIMP.

MY APOLOGIES FOR THE SUDDEN ATTACK!

...STILL INTACT AFTER THIS ATTACK? DAMN MONSTER.

THAT'S MY LINE, YOU WEREN'T EVEN AFFECTED BY MY TWIST! YOUR NATURAL MAGICAL DEFENSES ARE SOMETHING ELSE!

GETTING SO FAR INTO THE KINGDOM AND ATTACKING THIS PLACE ALONE, YOU'VE GOT SOME BALLS.

SURELY YOU DON'T EXPECT IT TO END WITH A SLAP ON THE HAND JUST BECAUSE YOU CALLED ME HANDSOME, DEMON BOY.

HONESTLY, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO CHAT.

SO, YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY, YOU SHOULD PAY RESPECT TO YOUR ELD...?

HEY NOW, I'M STILL OLDER THAN YOU, YOU KNOW?

SO BE A GOOD BOY AND DIE ALREADY.

WE ALREADY ASKED HIM TO STOP TOO... WHAT A TROUBLE-MAKER.
HMM? MASTER ELDARIUS IS STILL AT IT WITH TESTING HIS SPELLS?!

Types of Demons in Ramia-Yana

Demon Lord

Generals

High class demons

Lieutenants

Middle class demons

Low class demons

HIS WORDS WORRY ME.

...LOOKS LIKE HE WAS A MIDDLE CLASS DEMON. NOTHING I COULDN'T HANDLE, BUT...

"I WAS TOLD THERE IS A PRETTY STRONG HALF ELF GUARDING THE CITY FROM THIS TOWER."

OR HE DIDN'T COME ALONE.

EITHER HE GOT INFORMATION FROM SOMEONE AND RECKLESSLY ATTACKED ON HIS OWN...

FIRST OFF, CONTACTING MY DISCIPLES.

Transmission orbs
While limited in range to the city, within the barrier, those orbs allows direct real time contact, but requires being operated by experienced mages.

THIS COULD BECOME SERIOUS TROUBLE IF I DON'T REPORT QUICKLY.

YOSHI

SHIT, MY LEFT HAND...

FULL BARRIER OF AEGIS

5 LAYERED

TEEHEE~
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE DROPPED YOUR GUARD JUST BECAUSE MY CASUAL TWIST DIDN'T WORK~

TCH... NOW I FUCKED UP, I WAS WAY OFF THE MARK ABOUT YOU.

BUT WITH THAT LEVEL OF POWER...

...

NO. THANKS FOR THE CONFIR-MATION.

HM? HOW DIDYA KNOW?

YOU'RE PART OF A DEMON ARMY, AREN'T YOU?

YOU'RE A HIGH CLASS DEMON.

SO WHY IS A GENERAL RUSHING IN ALONE LIKE THIS?

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT.

...

Well, I'm indeed a HIGH CLASS DEMON.

But I'm just a LIEUTENANT, though.

WHAT KIND OF NONSENSE ...

WHAT–

EVEN IF YOU'RE A BIT ON THE YOUNGER SIDE, THERE IS NO WAY A HIGH CLASS DEMON LIKE YOU WOULD BE ANYTHING ELSE BUT A GENERAL!

I'M NOT TRYING TO FOOL ANYONE...

YOU LITTLE SHIT... WHO ARE YOU TRYING TO FOOL?! I'VE ALREADY FOUGHT A GENERAL OF TERAPHO BEFORE!

HOW ABOUT YOU TAKE A DIRECT LOOK AT MY GENERAL?

WELL, SINCE YOU DON'T WANNA BELIEVE MY WORDS...

It's on a completely different level from a high class demon!

What a creepy aura... How could I miss it until now?!

Is... that even a demon at all?!

...But it also doesn't feel like the aura of a demon lord?! It's different from Terapho's...

What is that thing?!

What the hell

AND, BY THE WAY,

GET IT, NOW?

ANOTHER ONE OF OUR GENERALS HAS ALREADY INFILTRATED THE CITY.

A FEW MINUTES EARLIER

EH?

TRY TO CATCH ME, IF YOU CAN!

AHAH!

AAAH!!?

I-I'M SORRY...

OW...

...

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WHAT A CUTE LITTLE BOY.

MY...

JUST BETWEEN US, I'D ADVISE RUNNING AWAY AS FAR AS YOU CAN~

BUT YOU KNOW...

BECAUSE THIS CITY WILL SOON BECOME A BATTLEFIELD.

TO BE CONTINUED
IN CHAPTER 7:
~INVASION~
DEMON PRINCESS